



State Senator

**William H.
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2007 AGENDA

Dear Friend,

The 2007 session of Connecticut General Assembly has opened. Working with Governor Jodi Rell and members of the General Assembly on both sides of the political aisle my goal is to move forward on an agenda addressing these important issues:

TRANSPORTATION – The unsustainable traffic glut on I-95 and the Merritt Parkway continues. To address this the legislature has established a \$1.3 billion fund for replacement of all Metro North rail cars and a \$2 billion program to establish an effective state-wide transportation policy. Close legislative oversight will be required to be sure these initiatives are promptly and effectively implemented.

ENERGY – I have proposed legislation to create an Energy Department. The state has no comprehensive energy strategy, yet it is beset with a wide range of energy challenges. These include rapidly rising electric utility rates, inadequate electric supply and a 900-foot liquefied natural gas floating storage facility proposed for Long Island Sound. Rather than simply reacting to these challenges the state needs a strategy to address them.

ENVIRONMENT – The state is not meeting its commitment to adequately fund municipal sewage treatment plants so as to maintain a clean and healthy Long Island Sound. We must do better.

TAXES – I have introduced legislation to phase down the misguided estate tax enacted two years ago. This is necessary to prevent mobile retirees from moving from Connecticut.

I look forward to hearing from you with your thoughts and comments on these or any other issues of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "William H. Nickerson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

William H. Nickerson